

**Hello Maryland Newsreaders,**

I am the Vice -Chair of the governing board. I began my journey as a parent governor 9yrs ago when my child was in Year R. She is now at secondary school.

We are fortunate to have a governing board which nurtures individuals who volunteer to be part of a very important part of this school.

The governing board is part of the leadership team. The makeup of the board is crucial - we have members with a wide range of skills and experience, all of which can be used to aid decisions within the school.

It is a privilege to be a governor in a local school which provides first class education, especially as I have lived in the local area for over 16yrs. I am living and seeing the changes within the local vicinity of the school which also helps the board to plan ahead when we are thinking about the future of the school and what is best for our children.

Why have I continued to support the school has a governor?

I am by profession a Social Worker. I worked for over 20yrs within local authorities in managerial roles and as a Reviewing Officer and Child Protection Chair. I now work as a Safeguarding Advisor for the Diocese of London. Supporting and advising churches with all matters relating to Safeguarding. I can support and work alongside our leadership team using my professional experience. Finally, the events and performances which I attend at Maryland always give me great pleasure to watch.

Kind regards,

Annette Gordon,

Vice-chair of Governors